

REVISED

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 23, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

Kona Council Office Conf. Room, 75-5706 Hanama Place, Room 109, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT:

Hugh Ono
Marjorie Erway
Arnold Okamura
Riley Smith
Lorraine Stahr
Sam Sumner

ALSO

PRESENT:

Anne Field-Gomes
Diana Miller
Jon Olson
Bill Sanborn
Carol Troubridge

EXCUSED:

Sam Kawamura
Carolyn Witcher

STAFF:

Barbara Bell, Director
Dora Beck, Acting WWD Chief
Sharron Henry, Secretary
Patricia O`Toole, Corp Counsel
Lono Tyson, SWD Chief

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commission Chair Ono called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed back Commission Corporation Counsel Pat O`Toole.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2005 MEETING:**
Arnold Okamura made a motion to approve the January 19, 2005 minutes. Marjorie Erway seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA:** None
4. **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS LISTED ON AGENDA:**
Jon Olson spoke in support of EMC2005-03 Resolution requesting Police Department to designate officials to coordinate the enforcement of environmental crimes and EMC2005-04 Resolution requesting the creation of a position of Investigator in the Department of Environmental Management.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/DISCUSSION:**

Solid Waste Division Chief's Report (attached to original minutes)

Lono Tyson thanked Mr. Olson for his supportive comments on the two resolutions.

GREENWASTE:

Money may have to be diverted from other solid waste programs to meet the more stringent guidelines on the new DOH permits, including a requirement to speed up processing at both sites.

SCRAP METAL PROGRAM:

- The scrap metal site was surveyed on January 19, 2005.
- Vendor has made substantial gains in removing the bulk of the materials over the property line and is in the process of removing the remainder.
- Boulders will be placed to establish property line and ongoing monitoring will continue.

SOLID WASTE DIVISION STAFFING:

- Equipment Operator III recruitment is in process.
- Tyson will be leaving his position at the County and moving to Australia this summer.

TRANSFER STATIONS:

- Greenwaste and recycling areas are being designed for Pahoia.
- Upgrade plans are being finalized for Waiohinu, Kalapana, Pahoia, Glenwood and Papaikou.
- Plans to gate all transfer stations.

Tyson will update the Commission on the Hilo Landfill at the May 25, 2005 meeting.

Wastewater Division Chief's Report (attached to original minutes)

HONOKOHAU HARBOR EFFLUENT REUSE:

- WWD is looking to incorporate installation of this line with the DOT widening project.
- Design and construction funding has been appropriated.

QUEEN LILIUOKALANI AND KOMOHANA HEIGHTS LARGE CAPACITY CESSPOOL PROJECTS:

- Dennis Tulang is the project manager for county facilities replacements.
- Contract has been executed for the implementation phase study for Komohana Heights.
- Construction will be funded via State Loan.

HONOKAA LCC REPLACEMENT:

- County will fund preliminary engineering study, design and construction for new sewer extension, expansion/upgrade of existing wastewater treatment and disposal facility, and elimination of large capacity cesspools via County and State Loan funding sources.

Director's Report (attached to original minutes)

UPDATES:

- Large Capacity Cesspool and Bottle Bill updates were presented to the County Council Environmental Committee March 15, 2005.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

STATE REPORT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 2146 - WASTE REDUCTION TECHNOLOGY:

- Committee continues to evaluate the proposals.
- An update will be given to the County Council by April 30, 2005.

STATUS REPORT: HAWAI'I DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM (BOTTLE BILL): (Work Activity and Redemption Locations Update attached to original minutes)

- There is limited State funding to operate this program.
- County Recycling Coordinator has offered a proposal to State Department of Health regarding program improvement for next year.

STATUS REPORT: NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Bill Sanborn, Commissioner nominee for District 9, was introduced and he gave a brief background of his experience.
- A nomination has not been made for District 6 commissioner.

REVIEW: 2005-2006 DEPARTMENT BUDGET:

- Department CIP budget request is \$60M.
- 13 staff positions have been included in the current department operating budget request.
- Supplemental requests have been submitted for 2 admin accounting positions, a recycling position, department investigator, and full time transfer station guards.
- Sort Station, Phase I: roads, residential recycling facilities, utilities; will be going out for bids.
- **Bell encouraged the commission members to submit testimony in support of the department budget requests to the council.**

SCHEDULING OF COUNTY SITE VISITS BY THE COMMISSION:

Smith made a motion that the commission has a Hilo Landfill field trip after the adjournment of the next meeting. Erway seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

UPDATE: EMC2005-01 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WAIKOLOA CURBSIDE RECYCLING:

- Resolution 55-05 (attached to original minutes) allocates \$50,000 for feasibility study and implementation plan, via 04-05 General Fund Balance.
- Has passed First reading.
- Second reading will be April 6, 2005.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

EMC2005-02 ORDINANCE TO CHANGE SUBDIVISION SEWER CONNECTION DISTANCE (CURRENTLY 300 LINEAL FEET) (attached to original minutes): Deferred.

EMC2005-03 RESOLUTION REQUESTING POLICE DEPARTMENT TO DESIGNATE OFFICIALS TO COORDINATE THE ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES (attached to original minutes):

- Intent of resolution is to have a trained Police Department employee be the point of contact at the police station regarding enforcement of environmental crimes.
- The final document will be sent to the Police Department for their review and approval before submission to Council.
- **Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2005-03 as submitted. Okamura seconded and it passed unanimously.**

EMC2005-04 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A POSITION OF INVESTIGATOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (attached to original minutes):

- Funding will be requested as a supplemental budget item.
- Investigator would gather evidence on illegal environmental activities reported to the County and report findings to the enforcement agency.
- **Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2005-04 as submitted. Stahr seconded and it passed unanimously.**

EMC2005-05 ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COUNTY FUEL TAX FOR FUELS CONTAINING 20% BIODIESEL OR MORE: Deferred.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON DEPARTMENT RULES REVISION

(attached to original minutes)

- Chapter 6 was revised to provide standards and set out requirements for Solid Waste Management Plans.
- **Stahr made a motion to approve the revised Administrative Rules as submitted and that they be sent to the Planning Department for review. Sumner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

- May 25, 2005, Hawai`i County Council Room, 25 Aupuni Street, Room 201, Hilo, Hawai`i 96720, followed by field trip to Hilo Landfill
- July 27, 2005, Waimea, HI, Place TBA
- September 28, 2005, Kona Mayor's Office Conference Room, 75-5706 Kuakini Highway, Suite 103, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Stahr moved to adjourn. Smith seconded and motion was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

SHARRON HENRY
Environmental Management Secretary

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